

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application, in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks and arguments, is respectfully requested.

Claims 2 and 23-33 are currently pending in this application, and the Examiner's indication that Claims 26-32 contain patentable subject matter is noted with appreciation. By the foregoing amendment, all of the rejected Claims 2 and 23-25 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and objected-to Claims 26 and 32 have been rewritten in independent form.

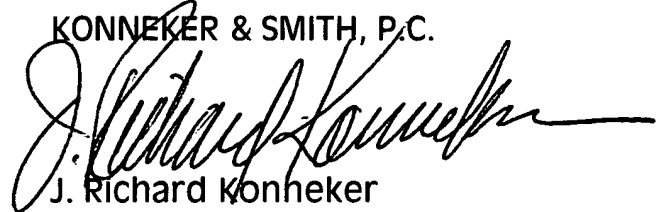
Accordingly, Claims 26-33 remain in this application for consideration and allowance. The rewriting of Claims 26 and 32 in independent form is seen to clearly place all of the remaining objected-to Claims 26-33 in a condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendment, remarks and arguments, all of the claims currently pending in this application are now seen to be in a condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance of Claims 26-33 is therefore earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is hereby requested to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at 972/516-0030 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,

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